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## Attention Tibrogargan Climbers - Falcon Nesting Season

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*temporary partial closure of Remains of the Day*

### What are we requesting?

ACAQ is asking climbers to not access the **upper two pitches of Remains of the Day**, ie the two pitches above Spooky Ledge, for the duration of the period **5th August to 7th October**.

### What is the reason for the closure?

Under the Nature Conservation Act, we have an obligation, as park visitors, to ensure our activities do not disturb the resident pair of Peregrine falcons. Falcons are not easily disturbed by human activity except during the nesting season, when they will fiercely defend their nest site. If persistently disturbed during nesting, it is possible their eggs will not hatch, and they will fail to raise young that year.

The Tibrogargan falcons nest in a shallow cave immediately to the left of the final pitch of the climb. We have records of them swooping climbers on the final pitch on the 7th August 2011 and the 9th August 2012.

This year we want to close the climb a few days earlier without waiting for the birds to tell us they are nesting.

The re-opening time is based on a 9 week period for hatching and raising their young. This seemed to work out ok last year.

We have no records of them being agitated by climbers on the adjacent climb, Banished for Infidelity.

The location of the nest (circled) relative to the route is indicated below -



*Photo Lewis Templar*



Tibro falcon at its nest  
site August 2011  
*Photo Nigel Joyce*